

form by the editors of the Agnelli-controlled magazine L'Espresso.

Colajanni, who a few days ago warmly accepted a Labor Committee briefing on Amendola at a Rome presentation of the book he subsequently reviewed, argues that the real division in the capitalist class is the expansion of finance capital at the expense of industrial capital. He goes on to name the "progressive" bankers who stand behind the more unsavory capitalists--"progressives" recently praised publicly by Amendola.

Colajanni concludes that it is the working class that is the "source of all economic progress." We must fight against the so-called state bourgeoisie, he says, but then deals a final kick to Amendola by adding, "but not to return to the Agnellis!"

WEST GERMAN RIGHT-WING MOVES ON SCHMIDT

WIESBADEN, BRD, Dec. 20 (IPS)--Early this week, the Christian Democratic Union of West Germany and the Christian Social Union of Bavaria, its neo-fascist parliamentary partner, confidently sprinted forward to implement a rapid right-wing, anti-Soviet transformation of the West German political scene. Clicking their heels in response to the anti-detente policy announced by this month's series of NATO meetings, the CDU/CSU sharpened its public attacks on the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) under Rockefeller-puppet Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and overtly wooed members of Schmidt's cabinet from the SPD's "liberal" coalition partner, the pro-Rockefeller Free Democratic Party (FDP).

The culmination of the week's campaign was to be today's meeting between neo-fascist Franz Josef Strauss, chairman of the CSU, and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, chairman of the FDP, to discuss possible state level coalitions excluding the SPD.

A few hours before the meeting was to begin, Strauss cancelled out, claiming that widespread press publicity had already endangered the talks with an excess of rumor-mongering. Sensitive to the hesitations and disorientation breaking out within the cabal's international forces, the CDU/CSU and the FDP momentarily slowed their forward sprint and started marking time.

Winter Offensive

The problem which faces the faithful West German cabalists is how rapidly they can dispose of the transitional government under Helmut Schmidt. Profiled and trained by Henry Kissinger at Harvard and Trilateral Commission member Theo Sommer at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Schmidt was cut out to wreck the West German "export boom" economy under Social Democratic rule.

The second, equally important advantage of a Social Democratic-dominated government in West Germany for the cabal was the soporific effect this had on the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc. With the first task largely accomplished and West European detente in the process of being junked in favor of cold war tendencies, Schmidt's working-class based party apparatus is a burdensome buffer against a 1975 escalation of austerity attacks on the West German working class.

No Need for Democratic Face

On Dec. 18, the CDU revealed another angle of its winter offensive in a press conference featuring its General Secretary Kurt Biedenkopf, the main spokesman for the party's "liberal" wing. Biedenkopf sharply attacked the government's package of left countergang reform policies, focusing on a pending bill for the national implementation of factory co-participation councils. The significance of this move was underlined by Biedenkopf's original authorship of this bill in 1971. The removal of Biedenkopf's "liberal capitalist" mask also signals the consolidation of Strauss' forces as the hegemonic influence in the CDU/CSU.